Licences for chartering of fishing vessels

2371. SHRI GOPALSINH. G. SOLANKI: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have been issuing licences for chartering of fishing vessels;

(b) whether the Expert Committee recommended to continue issuing licences for such charters;

(c) the list of the present charter holders and the dates on which the permissions were given and duration of the charter;

(d) whether the foreign operators report negligible catch, thereby putting us to a great loss;

(e) the details of the catch shown by those charters during the last three years; and

(f) whether there was a move to completely stop issuing such charters to conserve our ocean wealth?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) In pursuance of policies framed in 1981 and 1986 for chartering of foreign fishing vessels, permits were issued under section 5 of the Maritime Zones of India (Regulation of Fishing by Foreign Vessels) Act, 1981.

(b) While no Expert Committee has been constituted for specifically going in to the question of issuing permits for chartering of foreign fishing vessels, an Empowered Committee of Secretaries had considered the entire charter policy and it was decided that there was no need for further continuance of the policy and accordingly all the applications received under the 1989 Charter Policy be disposed off in accordance with correct legal modalities. It was also felt that the existing Letters of Intent|Permits would continue to be in force till their validity expires.

(c) A list of companies who have been granted permits under the 1981| 1986 Charter Policies is given at Annexure. [*See* Appendix CLXII, Annexure No. 53].

(d) No Sir. However, foreign exchange earning from the catches of the chartered vessels has been between 0.2 to 0.8 per cent of the total earnings from marine product exports in the year 1988 to 1990.

(e) The total catch (Qty.) by chartering of foreign vessels for the last three years as per the voyage reports received in this Ministry is as under:—

1989 — 8557 tons
1990 — 18637 tons
1991 — 7952 tons

(provisional)

(f) The intention of the Government is to encourage development of indigenous deep sea fishing industry by encouraging leasing, test fishing and joint ventures. In this direction the Government have not operationalised the Charter Policy of 1989.

Food Processing Industries

2372. SHRI RATNA BAHADUR RAI: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of food processing industries in the country; Statewise, with respective number of workers engaged in them; and

(b) the steps taken by Government for the promotion of this industry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) While information in regard to the number of

all food processing industries and the detailed item of their products processing are not maintained centrally, information with regard to number of rice mills roller flour mills, fruits and vegetable processnig units and sweetened aerated water manufacturing units that are registered under FPO and fish processing units, Statewise are given in the statement (*See* below). Besides, as per census conducted by Office of DC (SSI), there are 96123 small scale units manufacturing food products, in the country as on 31.3-88 employing 481682 persons.

(b) In order to encorage the growth and development of the food processing industries with this Ministry has formulated several developmental plan schemes to provide assistance to State Government Organisations|Co-operatives|Voluntary agencies to set up|or enlarge food processing units. In addition food processing industries have already been delicensed by the Government except for beer and alcohol. Under the new Industrial Policy, food processing industries have been placed in the high priority list for grant of automatic approvals for foreign collaborations upto 51 per cent and the procedure for foreign collaborations for technology upgradation etc. has been simplified. The Government has also extended substantial reliefs in the Union Excise and Customs duties to several items of this industry.

Statement

(I) *Number of fruit & Vegetable processing units and sweetened aerated waters units (on* 31-1-1992).

Name of State	F &VP Units	SAW units
Andhra Pradesh	201	
Assam	19	..
Bihar	43	10
Gujarat	171	52
Haryana	115	17
Himachal Pradesh	70	1
Jammu & Kashmir	68	6
Karnataka	176	38
Kerala	259	24
Madhya Pradesh	82	27
Maharashtra	506	85
Manipur	11	1
Meghalaya	7	1
Nagaland	4	
Orissa	17	4
Punjab	158	9
Rajasthan	78	24

Name of State	F & V Punits	SAW units
Sikkim	2	
Tamil Nadu	314	35
Tripura	3	
Uttar Pradesh	379	39
West Bengal	214	92
Andaman & Nicobar Islands	1	
Arunachal Pradesh	2	
Chandigarh	24	7
Dadra & Nagar Havcli	5	2
Delhi	751	18
Goa	131	86
Mizoram	2	
Pondicherry	9	2
Total	3222	577

(2) *Fish Processing Units (as on* 31-12-1991)

Name of State	no. of units
Kerala	103
Karnataka	19
Lakshdweep	1
Tamil Nadu	31
Maharashtra	41
Gujarat	28
Goa	5
Andhra Pradesh	26
West Bengal	30
Orissa	15
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In addition, there are 131 ice making units and 330 cold storages.

(3) *Number of Rice mills as on* 1-1-1992

State/U.T.	Hullers	Shellers	Hullers cum Shellers	Modern/ Modernised Rice Mills	Total
Andhra Pradesh	4609	1776	2364	12995	21744
Assam	305	14	1871	418	2608
Bihar	4749	63	9	51	4872
Gujarat	1890	159	67	7045	3161
Haryana	807	..	..	990	1797
Himachal Pradesh	890	1	1	222	1115
Jammu & Kashmir	..	..	..	..	..
Karnataka	9131	462	1103	3674	14370
Kerala b	13413	2	13	2668	16096
Manipur	71	..	97	1	169
Maharashtra	6191	99	472	2515	9277
Madhya Pradesh	3114	239	227	94	3674
Meghalaya	85	..	8	..	93
Nagaland	..	..	..	..	..
Orissa	6398	125	289	552	7364
Punjab	4416	442	..	1965	6823
Rajasthan	152	2	6	193	353
Sikkim	17	..	..	..	17
Tamil Nadu	13292	144	1530	3262	18228
Tripura	689	5	8	1	703
Uttar Pradesh	5707	562	150	1215	7634
West Bengal	9404	2	71	980	10457
Chandigarh	4	..	..	27	31
Delhi	3	..	..	31	34
Pondicherry	179	..	8	33	220
Andaman & Nicobar	116	..	..	..	116
Arunachal Pradesh	..	..	..	..	..
Dadra & Nagar Haveli	8	1	..	..	9
Lakshadweep	..	..	..	..	..
Goa	675	..	5	37	717
Mizaram	..	..	..	..	..
	86315	4098	8300	32969	13168

(4) *Total number of Roller Flour Mills as on* 1-1-1992.

Name of State/U.T.	Total No. of Flour Mills
Andhra Pradesh—	56
Assam	41
Bihar	44
Chandigarh	2
Delhi	17
Gujarat	27
Haryana	16
Himachal Pradesh	12
Jammu & Kashmir	18
Karnataka	54
Kerala	27
Madhya Pradesh	25
Maharashtra	45
Manipur	1
Orissa	21
Punjab	16
Pondicherry	2
Rajasthan	5
Tamil Nadu	53
Uttar Pradesh	70
West Bengal	27
Sikkim	1
Goa	1
Tripura	2
TOTAL	583